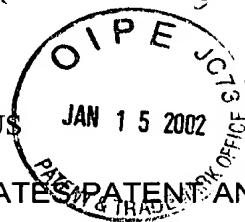


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ELECTION REQUIREMENT PURSUANT TO 35 U.S.C. 121

Dear Sir:

This response addresses the Election/Restriction requirement dated September 11, 2001 and the Communication of December 31, 2001 with respect to the above-identified patent application. Applicants provisionally elect with traverse species of uncharacterized platinum containing catalysts. This election is made for purposes only of expediting prosecution and facilitating examination, and without

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intending in any way to surrender claim scope broader than the present elected species.

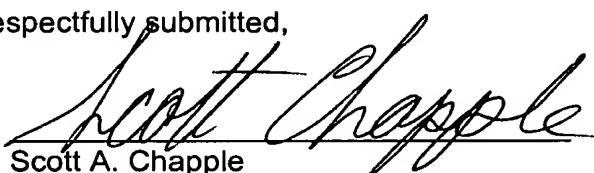
Applicants believe that at least claims 43-46, 48-57, 70-78 and 80-81 read on the elected species. In the interest of advancing prosecution, Applicants do not identify the remaining claims as reading on the elected species. However, this is not intended as a concession that the remaining claims do not read on the elected species.

If the Examiner has any questions with respect to this communication, the Examiner is kindly urged to call the undersigned.

If for some reason Applicants have not requested a sufficient extension and/or have not paid a sufficient fee for this response and/or for the extension necessary to prevent the abandonment of this application, please consider this as a request for an extension for the required time period and/or authorization to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0496 for any fee which may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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